

## Proposed Amendments to the DAB bylaws Spring 2024

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**Rationale:** At the 2024 DAB Members' Meeting in Seattle, Washington, the Division of Animal Behavior voted to create the office of Chair-Elect, to serve for one-year before assuming the position of Chair. In keeping with this vote, the DAB Executive Committee has proposed the following bylaws change. This proposed amendment will be on the Spring 2024 ballot.

### Article III. Administrative Organization

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Division shall be a Chair, **Chair-Elect**, Secretary, and Program Officer and shall comprise a Divisional Executive Committee. The **term of office for the** Chair, Secretary, and Program Officer shall be ~~elected for a term of~~ three years. **The term of office for Chair-Elect shall be for one year, after which the Chair-Elect shall automatically assume the position of Chair for three years.** The Chair shall not be eligible ~~to serve for election in~~ consecutive terms. The Secretary and Program Officer shall be eligible for re-election. Elections for **Chair-Elect, Program Officer, and Secretary**~~each of these three offices~~ shall occur individually and in consecutive years. In the circumstance where an elected officer is unable to complete their term of office, the following provisions are made: If the office of Secretary, ~~or~~ Program Officer, **or Chair-Elect** is vacated early, the Chair, in consultation with the Divisional Executive Committee, will appoint someone to serve until elections can be held to fill the position. If the office of Divisional Chair is vacant, the Divisional Executive Committee will appoint someone to be the interim Chair until an election is held.

Section 2. Elections. Election of officers shall be held by appropriately secure electronic ballots. The names of candidates for offices shall be published in advance of the election, and a brief biography of each candidate shall be made available on the ballot. The term of office of all elected officers and appointed representatives shall begin four weeks after the second SICB Executive Committee meeting at the Annual Meeting in the year the term is to begin and will end four weeks after the second SICB Executive Committee meeting at the Annual Meeting in the year the term is to expire.

Section 3. Nominations. Nominations for **elections**~~all offices~~ shall be prepared by a Nominating Committee appointed by the Chair in consultation with the Division Executive Committee. At least two candidates for each office should be named, although one write-in candidate is acceptable, and all candidates must be members in good standing of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology. Additional nominations for any office may be made in writing to the Executive Committee by any ten members of the Division.

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## Article IV. Duties of the Officers

Section 1. Chair. The Chair shall preside at the business meeting of the Division, shall be responsible for the program and meetings of the Division, and shall promote in every practical way the interests of the Division. The Chair shall represent the Division on the Executive Committee of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology. The Chair shall liaise with the Animal Behavior Society and consult with the Executive of the Animal Behavior Society to promote shared interests.

Section 2. Chair-Elect. The Chair-Elect shall serve for a term of one year and then automatically assume the position of Chair. The Chair-Elect shall attend meetings at which the Chair officially represents the Division whenever possible, in order to prepare for their term of office, and shall assume the duties of the Chair whenever that person is temporarily unable to act.

Section 3.2. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the records of the Division, request and prepare materials for SICB Newsletters, and shall perform such other duties as may be necessary and/or assigned. The Secretary shall substitute for~~assume the duties of~~ the Chair in the event that both the Chair and the Chair-Elect are ~~whenever that person is~~ absent or unable to act.

Section 4.3. Program Officer. The Program Officer shall solicit and arrange programs for meetings of the Division and shall coordinate special programs with the Program Officer of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology and of the Animal Behavior Society. The Program Officer shall substitute for the Chair in the event that ~~both~~ the Chair, Chair-Elect, and Secretary are unable to act.